

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Enhanced Court Collections Fund

Purpose and History

The Enhanced Court Collections Fund was created in FY 1996 under the authority of the Iowa Supreme Court. The Fund was established as an incentive to the Judicial Branch to collect fees and fines, allowing the Judicial Branch to keep up to \$4.0 million of the revenue collected. The Fund is separate from the State General Fund and the balance is not considered part of the State General Fund. Money in the Fund is permitted to carry forward. The maximum annual deposit in the Fund is \$4.0 million and any interest accrued remains in the Fund.

Funding

For each fiscal year, a judicial collection estimate is equally and proportionally divided into a quarterly amount. The estimate is calculated by using the December Revenue Estimating Conference estimate. The estimate is based on the total amount of fines, fees, civil penalties, costs, surcharges, and other revenues collected by the Judicial Branch for deposit in the State General Fund minus moneys allocated to the [Prison Infrastructure Fund](#), the [Court Technology and Modernization Fund](#), and the [Road Use Tax Fund](#). The remaining amount is the judicial collection estimate.

Money in the Fund is used for the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS); records management equipment, services, and projects; other technological improvements; electronic legal research equipment, systems, and projects; and the study, development, and implementation of other innovations and projects that would improve the administration of justice. The money in the Fund may also be used for capital improvements necessitated by the installation of or connection with the ICIS, the Iowa Communications Network, and other technological improvements approved by the Judicial Branch.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [602.1304](#)

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More Information

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